

Remarks:

Claims 1-21 were rejected as being unpatentable over Fleck and well known prior art. Pursuant to the rules, the Examiner is respectfully requested to cite a reference substantiating that the prior art teaches that "base stations can store position information".

In claim 1, for example, a method is described in which a signal indicative of the vehicle's position is developed and transmitted to a base station. The base station then provides information stored at the base station associated with the vehicle's position.

When a vehicle is at a particular location on the highway, as one example, the vehicle operator may be provided with information about the service providers proximate to the vehicle's current location. Thus, the vehicle operator might be provided with information about gas stations that are near the vehicle's current position.

No such idea is anywhere suggested in the Fleck reference. In Fleck all that happens is when an accident happens at a given location, that information is transmitted to a base station that immediately provides the information to all other vehicles in the same cell. Thus, Fleck fails to show the idea of maintaining a database of information associated with a particular position and then when receiving a communication from a vehicle indicating that the vehicle is at that particular position, providing relevant, stored information.

Nothing in Fleck would suggest the idea that information about proximate activities can be collected and stored at the base station and then provided to vehicles whose positions match position identifiers associated with particular information. Thus, it is respectfully submitted that Fleck plus the mere idea of storing information can not render the claimed invention

obvious. Not only does such a combination lack critical claimed elements, but moreover, there is no rationale to modify those teachings to teach the claimed invention. Therefore, reconsideration of the rejection of claims 1-8 is respectfully requested. For the reasons described above, it is respectfully submitted that claims 9-14 and 15-21 are likewise patentable.

Claims 22-29 were rejected under § 102(e) as being anticipated by Fleck.

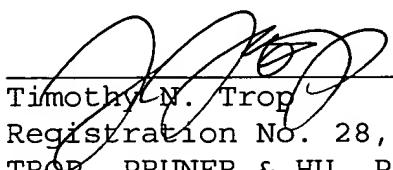
Claim 22 has been amended to include the subject matter formerly included in dependent claim 26. The Fleck reference does not teach a system wherein the processor is adapted to sort received information based on appended position information and to identify that information when a vehicle is proximate to the location associated with the information.

In particular, there is nothing in Fleck which suggests storing the information and then providing it when the vehicle comes to a given location. To the contrary, Fleck merely broadcasts the information to all the receivers in a cell and thereby, at one time, provides that information to them. The idea of storing the information and providing it to vehicles when they come to the location at times, is nowhere suggested (or ever even contemplated by) Fleck.

In view of these remarks, the application is now in condition for allowance and the Examiner's prompt action in accordance therewith is respectfully requested.

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